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1. The authorities have forbidden peasants who reside in the 20 kilometer-wide strip of land on the Polish side of the Soviet-Polish frontier to keep dogs and pigeons, because, as the peasants state, these animals have been used by the Underground to maintain communications between units of their organization. Failure to abide by this interdiction will result in severe punishment for the violator, such as imprisonment or confiscation of all his goods.
2. The peasants in this frontier area have not been receptive to the State and Party propaganda urging the organization of kolkhozes. These peasants stubbornly retain their "patrimonies", although they have been forced to plough their land with home-made ploughs because this item is not available on the market. In the province of Olsztyn (Allenstein), however, where newly settled peasants received land which had been confiscated from former German landlords, the organization of kolkhozes has been accomplished relatively easily by decree because these peasants have been forbidden to build on the land. [redacted] these peasants have been leaving for other parts of the country, mainly towns.

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